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SUBJECT: CARRYOVER AGREEMENT

1. ACTING SECRETARY ON JULY 9, 1973, UNDER CIRCULAR 175  
PROCEDURE, AUTHORIZED EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH GOBI TO  
INSURE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING US MILITARY RIGHTS IN THE  
BAHAMAS AFTER INDEPENDENCE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE  
AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING FIRST PERSON NOTE  
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS ON  
JULY 10, 1973 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR PRESENTATION  
OF LETTER OF CREDENCE AND GOBI'S TRANSMISSION OF OTE  
TO SECGEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS (NASSAU 906):

"EXCELLENCY:

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DECLARATION OF JULY 10, 1973, BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, EXPRESSING THE UNDERTAKING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS TO HONOR, PENDING THEIR REVIEW, ALL TREATY COMMITMENTS ENTERED INTO ON ITS BEHALF BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. I ALSO HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE CONTINUANCE OF UNITED STATES MILITARY RIGHTS IN THE BAHAMAS AS WELL AS EXISTING MARITIME PRACTICES.

AS UNITED STATES MILITARY RIGHTS IN THE BAHAMAS DERIVE FROM AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPLICATION OF THE AFORESAID DECLARATION TO SUCH RIGHTS WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE APPLICATION OF THAT DECLARATION TO ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONFIRM THE CONTINUING APPLICATION, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, AND DURING THE CONTINUANCE OF TALKS BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A DEFINITIVE UNDERSTANDING, OF THOSE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH CONCERN UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM RIGHTS RELATING TO MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS, AND WHICH WERE IN FORCE ON THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE BAHAMAS. THIS CONFIRMATION WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE RIGHTS FOR UNITED KINGDOM FORCES TO CONTINUE TO USE UNITED STATES MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH GOVERNED SUCH USE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

I HAVE THE HONOR FURTHER TO PROPOSE THAT PENDING A DEFINITIVE UNDERSTANDING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BE ENTITLED TO EXERCISE IN THE BAHAMAS THE MILITARY OPERATING RIGHTS PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE TO IT IN THE SPECIFIED PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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(1) ARTICLE II OF THE LEASED NAVAL AND AIR BASES AGREEMENT, SIGNED MARCH 27, 1941 AND

(2) SECTION I OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING OVER-FLIGHTS AND LANDING PRIVILEGES, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1949 (SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO THE CONDITIONS THEREIN, MUTATIS MUTANDIS).

IN ADDITION, UNITED STATES PUBLIC VESSELS ON NON COMMERCIAL

SERVICE SHALL HAVE FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO, AND MOVEMENT IN, THE TERRITORY OF THE BAHAMAS, INCLUDING WATERS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO BAHAMIAN JURISDICTION. WHEN SUCH VESSELS ENTER BAHAMIAN PORTS, APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION SHALL, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, BE MADE TO THE PROPER BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE AGREED.

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, I HAVE THE HONOR FURTHER TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL

TAKE EFFECT FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF BAHAMIAN INDEPENDENCE AND CONTINUE IN FORCE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING SAID RIGHTS. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THE CONCLUSION OF THAT DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT SHALL CONTINUE EXPEDITIOUSLY, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT BY THE END OF 1973; AND THAT THE PARTIES WOULD MEET AT ANY TIME AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER OF THEM, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUED UNITED STATES MILITARY FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS IN THE BAHAMAS."

2. CERTIFIED COPY OF U.S. NOTE AND SIGNED ORIGINAL OF GOBI NOTE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT (ATTENTION: L/T) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 735. RUSH

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